



**BIG on TOUR 2026 (Series 3)
Sunday June 14th
Birmingham University Athletics Stadium**

«First_Name» «Surname»

«Position»

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Dear «First_Name»,

Many thanks for agreeing to officiate at our the 3rd in the BIG on TOUR 2026 series. I would like to thank you for supporting us as we launch this very exciting initiative to help provide good quality competition for High Jumpers & Long Jumpers in a fun, friendly and well officiated environment.

This is a series of 6 competitions focussing on only High Jump & Long Jump and spread throughout the South & Midlands over the whole of the summer with a Final being held in Bedford on 29th August (more details can be found on the BIG on TOUR section of our website if you would like to know more). We hope it will fill a gaping hole in this area and allow more athletes to gain qualifying standards for the European Champs in Birmingham, World U20's in Oregon and European U18's Champs in Rieti, Italy.

We have been given a Level 2 Permit and World Ranking point Level F as well as WPA status.

The events this year are High Jump and Long Jump. As is our trademark, BIG on TOUR will also be an athlete friendly meeting with coaching areas close to the events (roped off for safety of course).

We are PILOTING the TOUR this year with some new procedures or protocols you may not be familiar with so things may be a little strange or crazy at times but here are a few things I think it would be good for you to know.

- There will be no CALL UP area – athletes will report to their event site 30 minutes before their Pool start time.
- Please can the Chiefs of each competition check athletes spike length, disallowed equipment, etc. at the event site.
- We have three Lead Officials whose responsibilities will be MM , FR & EO before the meeting and they will return to Field Judges when we begin. These officials and others present have worked with us at BIG before and who know the protocols and they will be there to act as Mentors to any new officials we have.
- We have also invited a small number of Level 1 and Level 2 officials to work alongside us in a high level competition environment & work with technical equipment (Tablet recording, No Jump Cameras, EDM, etc) which they may be unfamiliar with. Training will be given on these as required.
- Technical equipment will be around the stadium (touch screens, electronic scoreboards, etc).
- A Local Organiser is being appointed for each venue and they will have the job of overseeing everything on the day

- All results will be recorded on Tablets and these will go directly to electronic scoreboards at each event, the bigger screen around the arena and Power of 10 (if it is working by then!)

All final paperwork (Officials list, Timetables, Entry lists and Athlete letter) will also be available through the [website](#) (look at the drop-down boxes to the top Right of the home page or go via the button on the home page) and will be amended / added to as appropriate so please recheck regularly.

LEAD OFFICIALS - We have identified the following Leads to start and close the event. However they will return to Field / Mentoring roles once the event begins

Sue Smith	(MM)	Andrew Hulse	(FRef)
Nicola Evans	(TM)		

CAR PARK – Parking for officials is available at the university's Tennis Courts accommodation, right next to the track. Access is via Edgbaston Park Road, and what3words for the car park is [///sticky.pouch.agreed](#). If travelling south along Edgbaston Park Road (away from the City centre), you will see multiple blocks of three-storey accommodation on your left, and the car park is the first left after that. If travelling north along Edgbaston Park Road, go past the turning for Somerset Road on your left, and take the first right after that. After turning, bear right into the car park - you should see green fencing at the end of the car park, through which you can access the track.

OFFICIALS' ARRIVAL – please bring your UKA Officials Licence on your blue lanyard. PLEASE arrive by 09.00. On arrival please go to the Officials' Registration desk at the hut near the Finish line. A Briefing will be held at 09.15 on HJ Fan.

OFFICIALS' DRESS - Officials are required to wear **NAVY BLUE or BLACK** trousers/skirts (no shorts please), **white polo shirts** and navy fleece / navy jumper. **Please** wear your **BIG POLO SHIRT** if you still have one!

REFRESHMENTS / FOOD ALLOWANCE - Tea and Coffee will be available but please would you bring your own mug. We believe it is still preferable for you to bring your own food and therefore a £5 per diem will be given to you on the day. There will be a Coffee Van providing hot snacks and sandwiches and hopefully an additional hot Food van.

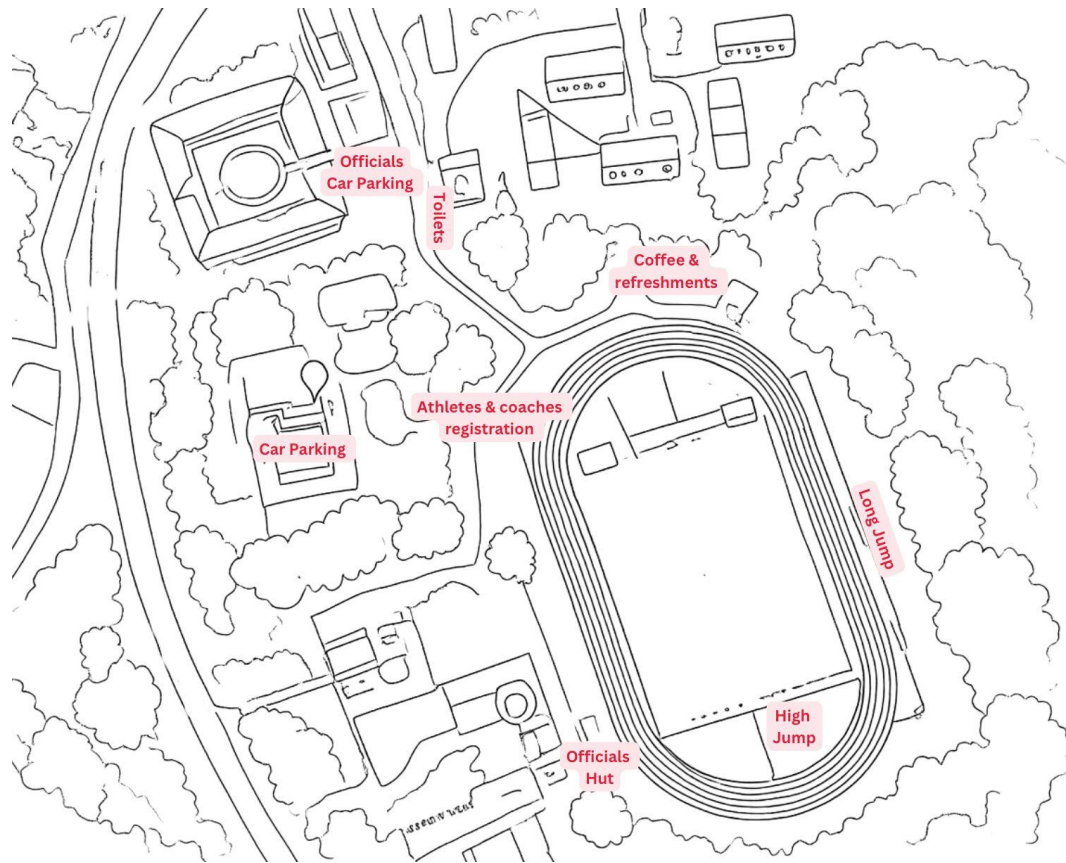
WA RULES - Please note that the meeting will be run **under WA rules**. We have a Level 2 UKA Licence & World Athletics status. However, can I please ask that we work within the spirit of the meeting.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT – An EDM unit and No Jump Camera has been booked for use on Long Jump. Electronic Clocks and Scoreboards have also been booked for all sites.

TECH SUPPORT – We will be using **TABLETS** for recording results at all event sites this year with direct links to the EDM and the results package as well as to the electronic screens at each site. There will also be a number of TV screens around the site for instant viewing of competitions, etc. These are being provided by Paul Day at Tech4sports. His 5G Wi-Fi will guarantee these will work. Paul & Jess will also be there to ensure the smooth running of this. **N.B.** Please do not worry if you have not used this equipment before training will be provided.

TIMETABLE - With just 2 events this is quite simple and we do not expect any changes. As of 5th June it is as below. Please double check on <https://www.bedfordgames.co.uk/leevalley1> for any last minute changes.

VENUE INFORMATION - The Athlete & Coaches Registration tent will be situated at the top of the bank by the 100m start line. The Officials area will be near the finish line. The HJ area is on the bottom bend and the LJ pit on the back straight.- direction will be wind dependent.



Listed below are all the relevant documents that are/will be available on the website. Please look at the web site (BIG on TOUR Home & venues page) regularly as any updates or information will be posted there.

We look forward to seeing you on June 14th and hope that you enjoy the day with a host of great competitions. There will be a Feedback form sent to you after the event and we would be grateful if you could complete it giving constructive comments on how we can move the series forward and return it to us as soon after the event as possible so we have time to implement any changes before the next event.

Many thanks for your support. Enjoy the day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any other questions.

PLEASE NOTE : We are having a BIG problem with one of the HJ beds at B'ham, only 1 has a spike cover and I am trying to source a 6 x 4m top for the 2nd bed. Because we thought we had a replacement and already had 48 entries the pools will be very big – 3 pools of 16 athletes before withdrawals! At the moment we have planned just 3 pools but IF we can get the cover we will amend to 4 pools of 12-14 athletes! Even at the last minute! Please bear with me on this – I am trying to do my best for the athletes but if we need to stay with 3 pools please can you move through jumps as quickly as possible and be understanding of any problems. THANK YOU so much

With best wishes,

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